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Mrs. Effa Manley
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Dear Effa:

After the last NHL meeting understood you were in need of a good catcher.

We have Pepper Bassett, Buster Haywood and Harry Jeffries. Pepper will be utilized some as a pitcher, Buster is helping drive our bus...and as we must reduce our staff since bus will only carry 19 all told...can help you out with Jeffries, with proviso that he not be traded and anytime you do not need his services further, that he be regarded as Glown property.

Jeffries is a real good, hustling catcher... a veteran, thus free from the draft. Pretty fair hitter, good team man and when we finally induced him to leave his defense job out in Chicago and playing week-end ball with Brown Bombers, he was used by us most consistently, even in preference to Buster Haywood, who is considered a pretty good receiver. I'm pretty positive Jeffries can hold his own with any club in either League as far as catching is concerned.

We are paying him \$225.00 per month and expenses. \$25.00 per week and expenses during training period. With expense included to send him to you from Fla., I have approximately \$75.00 tied up in him on training expenses, counting bringing him down from Chicago. If your not definitely set behind the plate with two good receivers, I think this catcher would prove very satisfactory. If you want him phone or wire where you want him sent? Monarchs wanted him, but they have Duncan and believe they ran across a good boy in Texas. They preferred Jeffries to Barnhill, whom they used quite a bit last year.

Also have some other good talent available...outside of pitchers and first basemen..."Hoss" Walker, new manager will start pruning the club down this week-end. Otherwise how's things going? We seem to have a very good club this year (outside of pitchers) and a show they tell me is a knockout.

Regards,

Lyde B. Block